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For: **SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS**

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2007 for the above-referenced patent application. An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 94-98), drawn to a polypeptide comprising S polypeptide SEQ ID NO: 6042 and a fragment thereof, for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions.